



## A Message From the President

It was a pleasant surprise to discover that we are entering our fiftieth year of existence as an organization, at the beginning of my term as president.

I first began attending meetings of ANSS when we were half as old and several of my college advisors had just served as president.



RICHARD L. WEAVER

I had no idea in 1941 when assuming the job of secretary-treasurer that the honor of serving as president would be mine in our fiftieth year. As secretary-treasurer I saw us grow more than ten times in membership in ten years from less than 100 to over 1100. I also saw our presidents and other officers assuming more of the obligations of arranging programs, inviting people to become members, etc.

Since 1951 as vice-president I have had much less responsibility but have been greatly impressed with the way our programs attract attention and attendance, and the widespread interest of members and former officers in helping with the details of planning programs and running  
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## New York Meetings Successful

The forty-ninth year of the American Nature Study Society was observed at the annual meeting held in New York City, December 26 to 30 in connection with the AAAS of which it is an affiliate. The attendance was excellent with over 200 persons attending during the sessions. One of the attractions was the excellent program which Dr. Richard L. Weaver and his committee had prepared.

The opening session featured the theme of "New Approaches to Conservation," and the speakers treating various phases were William Clement of Cortland, N. Y., E. Laurence Palmer of the National Wildlife Federation, Ithaca, N. Y., Fairfield Osborn of the New York Zoological Society, Richard Westwood of the American Nature Association, and Stanley A. Cain of the Conservation Department, University of Michigan.

The amount of natural history to be found in the region of New York City was revealed through the efforts of four naturalists, Richard B. Fisher, Steven Collins, Roger Tory Peterson, and John Kieran.

The group which discussed aspects of nature for hobbies consisted of Virginia Eckelberry who had developed the printing of nature designs on fabric to a high degree of skill rivaling the best in the professionals. Her vocation is that of a textile designer. Don Eckelberry, a bird artist, gave an illustrated talk on the art of bird painting. Stanley B. Mulaik, who teaches biology, discussed bird listening and the recording of bird calls and their analysis. Herman Schneider, an author of numerous texts for children, skillfully portrayed ways to create interest in science and nature among children. Glidden Baldwin, a physician who accompanied

his family three months in Africa, recounted their experiences and illustrated his talk with movies selected from the ten miles of film he took.

At the session on the place of nature study in camps outstanding leaders presented various aspects. They were Helen Ross, Dorothy Treat, Howard Weaver, L. B. Sharp and Ted Pettit.

The annual banquet was a fine evening of fellowship. The main treat was the illustrated lecture on the best seller, "Autumn Across America," by the author, Edwin Way Teale, who gladly autographed thirty-six copies sold after the program ended. At this banquet Richard L. Weaver was installed as the new president to replace Malvina Trussell who had served during the previous two years.

## Thanks to Local Committee

An army may move on its stomach, but certainly the nature study meetings moved smoothly on the fine efforts of the local committees. The society's thanks go to the coordinator of the eighth joint conference of teaching societies, Darrell Barnard, who had the major responsibility of making plans and arrangements. Others helped in great measure. Richard Weaver as chairman of the ANSS program, arranged a superb program and selected excellent speakers to carry through the themes for the various sessions. Malvina Trussell who was president, coordinated the various phases of this 49th session.

Others to whom thanks are due are Charles Mohr, Frances L. Hall, Shirley Miller, Ted Pettit, Raymond L. Taylor.

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## Welcome to New Members

In the September, 1955, number of the NEWSLETTER the list of the membership of the ANSS was published. Since that issue new members were listed. The present issue will contain the names of members whose names are not on these lists, and they are mainly new members though some are people who let their membership lapse. All of these people we heartily welcome into the American Nature Study Society.

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## AMERICAN NATURE STUDY SOCIETY Financial Statement 1956

### Debits:

Bank balance through	
November 28, 1956	\$ 606.12
Dues and subscriptions through	
December 22, 1956	1,381.50
Total	\$1,987.62

### Credits:

ANSS Expenses for	
Atlanta Convention, 1955	62.67
Refund to member	
(overpayment of dues)	.50
Periodicals to members, 1956	749.15
Printing and office supplies	485.17
Postage	54.58
Post Office bulk mailing permit	10.00
Clerical assistance for Secretary	5.00
Telephone (L. D.,	
Treasurer to predecessor)	2.53
Dues and subscriptions for 1957	362.00
Nature Magazines for	
4 members, 1957 (\$3.00 ea.)	12.00
Donation from Roland C. Ross	
for Newsletters, 1957	2.00
Advanced dues	6.00
Total	\$1,369.60

Balance	\$ 618.02
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### Miscellaneous:

Debit: Two \$100.00, Series J. Government Bonds issued, May 1953

## Help Needed

Several individuals expressed the desire for an issue of the NEWSLETTER devoted to 1957 Summer Workshops, field courses, and other similar opportunities for naturalists. Who will volunteer to hunt out and assemble such material and send it to the Editor? Or will each of you send to him information as to what is to take place locally or in your state?

## New Addresses

Your editor would like to hear from all of you who have made changes in address. This is necessary in order to insure delivery of the NEWSLETTER and of the magazine subscribed to:

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## Team to Promote ANSS

The following officers, board members and committees for 1957 will promote the interests and welfare of the American Nature Study Society. President Richard Weaver believes that with this set up of a cooperating team, the ANSS should greatly expand its influence during the coming years.

**President** — **Richard L. Weaver**, School of Natural Resources, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

**Vice-President** — **Seymour Fowler**, Science Department, Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

**Secretary** — **Helen Ross**, Science Department, State Teachers College, Fitchburg, Mass.

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**Emery Will**, Science Department, State Teachers College, Oneonta, New York.

### Directors 1957-58

**James Fowler**, Philadelphia Academy of Science, Philadelphia, Pa.

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**Charles Mohr**, Audubon Nature Center, RFD 4, Greenwich, Conn.

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**Richard Weaver**

### Membership Committee

**Seymour Fowler**, Chairman

All Officers, Board Members, and Committeemen

Also looking for volunteers

### Local Committee — Indianapolis

**Paul Klinge** has agreed to serve as general chairman of all teaching societies.

We plan to ask **Max Forsyth** to serve as ANSS chairman, and the following:

**Glidden Baldwin**, Catlin, Illinois

**Mary Baldwin**, Catlin, Illinois

**Edna Banta**, Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary,

RR 6, Connersville, Indiana

**Paul Krechler**, Naturalist, Indiana Parks

Division, Valpariso University

Who else?

Committee and the Membership Committee.

The Board revised the Constitution and will submit it to you for approval. A new Nominating Committee procedure is being used to make our elections more efficient.

We are already making plans for next year's meeting. Send your suggestions to me soon. We will soon have new membership invitations ready too. Let us know how many you can use. Help us make this fiftieth year a really big one.

**RICHARD L. WEAVER**  
President

## Developments in Graduate Training

During the symposium on New Approaches to Conservation, Dr. Stanley A. Cain of the University of Michigan Department of Conservation, discussed Developments in Graduate Conservation Training. Space does not permit giving a long report of this excellent paper. It was pointed out that the University of Michigan in its broad conservation training program has a distinctive character and unity. (1) It seeks to show the interrelation among resources, (2) It shows interrelation among resource uses, (3) It seeks to develop patterns of resource management and use for greatest social benefit in time, (4) It seeks to help develop public and private policy toward resource use, (5) It seeks to understand the process of resource allocation over time.

As for the set up of conservation within the University several features deserve comment. They are (1) flexibility of the departmental program, (2) its integration into the School of Natural Resources, and (3) the cooperation it receives across the board in the University as a whole. Only society gives meaning to a resource. Conservation is *equally* interested in resources and social factors bearing on their development and use. Conservation thus is neither a natural or a social science but an amalgam dealing with resource — use problems.

## Weaver Receives Nash Conservation Award

Recipients of the 1956 Nash Conservation Awards were recently announced and the ANSS can well be proud of their president, Dr. Richard L. Weaver. A professional award of \$500 and a plaque went to him in recognition of his two decades of leadership in the field of conservation education, as a graduate student, teacher, state advisor, officer of many national conservation organizations and as professor of conservation.

In explaining the significance of the award, Mr. George Romney, president of American Motors Corporation said "Much of the enjoyment of the outdoors depends upon the automobile. We therefore feel that American Motors has a large stake in conserving the resources that have made America a rich and beautiful country. We hope this program will impress upon the public the wide scope and highly scientific nature of modern conservation, as practiced by private and governmental agencies. We also want to recognize the public-spirited layman, without whose cooperation the professional would be greatly handicapped."

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the organization.

While our membership is smaller, I think our potential interest is steadily increasing, and that we might be able to build back to our original figure.

At our New York meetings we had excellent attendance at our program sessions and at our Board Meetings. We launch our fiftieth year with some fine projects, with plans for a special celebration at Indianapolis next December 27-30; with a new Book Recommendation Committee, with new plans for the Camping

## Greenbrook Sanctuary

Dr. Stephen Collins related and showed kodachrome slides of the highlights of his findings in making an ecological study of Greenbrook Sanctuary, a 150-acre woodland which is located in the New Jersey section of the Palisades Interstate Park. Its clifftop vantage commands fine views of the Hudson River and New York skyline. A fifteen minutes' drive from the city's George Washington Bridge brings a visitor to its seven biotic communities — oak, hemlock, swamp, talus, cliff-edge, vine and disturbed communities, each with its unique physical and biological features.

The Palisades Nature Association sponsored the speaker on a fellowship at Rutgers University to make this ecological study of the sanctuary, which revealed how such natural agencies as fires, storms and animals influence the forest change and composition. The detailed land-use history from Indian time to present showed how man also has contributed to the present state of the forest. A knowledge of such influences is essential to efficient sanctuary management. It prevents mis-directed management and planting where trends reveal it would be normally unwise.

The ecological study to be published this spring by The Palisades Nature Association also considers varying degrees of management and indicated the probable long-range influence of each method on the present biotic communities. The study will implement the sanctuary's well-launched conservation education program and be a basis for future management.

## Nature Near New York

The society was honored to hear John Kieran describe 50 years of observations of a swamp in Van Cortland Park located near downtown New York. In his inimitable fashion he described how snapping turtles' eggs "looking like ping pong balls" were laid in the railroad bank adjoining the swamp, how he followed fox tracks, and watched Horned Larks rear their young between baseball fields.

Other observations included bullfrogs, green-frogs, leopard frogs, American egret, Northern Phalaropes, Florida Gallinules, Dick Iceland Gulls, and insects that looked like they were "turned out by some jeweler." Many plants were also described.

Urban dwellers should take heart from an amalgam dealing with resource-use these observations which are possible so close to the world's largest metropolitan area.

## Group Visits Nature Centers

The field trip of the ANSS was attended by about fifty people and shows the great popularity of this annual event. The day was cool but not uncomfortable when the group assembled at the railroad station for the trip. The first stop was at the Stamford (Connecticut) Museum and Nature Center where a review was given by Gloria Hollister Anable, Leonard J. Bradley and Ernest T. Luhde of the program carried by the center and where the group was served an excellent meal.

The group then went by bus to view the Mianus River Gorge Sanctuary which is a pet project of Gloria Anable. This was followed by a stop at the Audubon Nature Center at Greenwich. Here refreshments were served and the group browsed among the extensive collection of materials, projects, books and pamphlets for aiding in carrying on a more effective nature and conservation program. Our host at this last center was past president Charles E. Mohr who is the director of the center.

The Audubon Center at Greenwich will have a new \$100,000 lodge which should be completed by early spring.

At the various stops other leaders who helped to interpret the areas passed through were Roger Tory Peterson, Dorothy A. Treat and Richard L. Weaver.

## Kodachromes Hold Spotlight

The annual showing of Kodachromes which has become an institution with the ANSS at its annual meetings was bigger and better than ever. Two features on the program were especially commendable and greatly enjoyed by the large number in attendance. Roger Tory Peterson showed kodachromes of his revisit to Spain and its wonderful offerings in bird study. Emery Will gave a new slant by having selections of kodachromes to illustrate several well known poems on nature.

## In Memoriam

It has come to our notice that Dr. Edith Patch, past president of the American Nature Study Society, 1937-1938, died at Bangor, Maine, several months ago where she had been quietly living.

Dr. Patch was primarily an entomologist. She is best known at least to the older members of the ANSS for her many children's books on nature, and for many magazine articles. Her host of friends mourn her passing.

## News Brief

We are happy to announce the Roger Tory Peterson's *Birds of Europe* is being translated into Spanish. Roger has spent many months in Europe and most recently in Spain.

## NOTICE

Membership in the American Nature Study Society includes a membership card, a quarterly NEWSLETTER and the following types of enrollment:

- Group 0 — \$1.00 Membership only and NEWSLETTER
- Group I — \$2.00 Cornell Rural School Leaflet — 4 issues annually
- Group II — \$3.00 Canadian Nature Magazine — 5 issues
- Group III — \$4.50 Nature Magazine — 10 issues
- Group IV — \$4.50 Canadian Nature and Cornell Leaflet
- Group V — \$6.00 Nature Magazine and Cornell Leaflet
- Group VI — \$7.00 Nature Magazine and Canadian Nature
- Group VII — \$7.50 Nature Magazine, Canadian Nature, Cornell Leaflet

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